


REMARKS

The final Office Action mailed September 26, 2007 has been carefully considered. Applicants' representative and the Examiner conducted a telephone conference on January 28, 2008 regarding the above claims. The claims have been amended or cancelled in light of the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed January 31, 2008. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Regarding the 24 non-considered references, Applicants filed a RCE which is shown on PAIR as being received on January 31, 2008.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and an allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. If any matters remain which could be resolved in a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to expedite resolution of any such matters. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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